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I should long ago have acknowledged the receipt of your letter, dated the 10th of January last, had I not waited for the arrival of that Diploma, with which you acquaint me, the Imperial Academy of St^t Peter has been pleased to honour me. But as that form of their favourable notice of me has not yet come to hand, and may, by various accidents, be retarded some time longer, I could not further delay requesting, that you would present my humble and most cordial thanks to that illustrious Body for this signal honour, enhanced, by conferring it on their day of Jubilee, and that of the association of those two august personages, whom you name on the occasion. For though I am

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sensible that, of my self, I was little entitled to that distinction; yet it was no less pleasing to me, to believe, that the compliment was chiefly paid to the Royal Society of London, as a public declaration of the good intelligence that has always subsisted between the two Societies, and which it shall always be my most ardent endeavour to promote.

This, Sir, I have written by M. Thode, a Russian gentleman, who for some time past has been a diligent & successful student here in the various branches of medicine; & who having, moreover, behaved well in other respects, I beg leave to recommend him to your acquaintance & good offices.

I have the honour to be, with a particular regard
Sir,

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Your most obedient & much obliged
humble servant,
J. Pringle P. R. S.